



**Sharon Grierson MP**  
Federal Member for Newcastle

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## **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NEWCASTLE STUDENTS**

The Federal Member for Newcastle today announced the two recipients of the 2006 Sharon Grierson Education Scholarship.

**Aaron Hammond:**

Aaron is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year Bachelor of Engineering (Mechatronics) student at the University of Newcastle. He received excellent results in his 1<sup>st</sup> year, and took on the additional responsibility of providing tutoring assistance to struggling students.

Aaron is a part of several University sporting groups, and has been active in community volunteering at his local PCYC teaching children at risk of becoming young offenders to break-dance.

"This scholarship is a great opportunity to enhance my experience at the University of Newcastle, and will help me to persevere with my studies," Aaron said.

**Natasha Wills:**

Natasha is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year student at the Hunter Institute of TAFE, studying a Diploma of Fine Arts.

She has been showing and selling her work in alternative venues for the past four years, and has been involved in a number of the Hunter Institute's group exhibitions as a student. Natasha is proud to be presenting her first solo show in a gallery - the Newcastle Art Space - in April this year.

"Art is an area of study unlike others," Natasha said. "Art School is a hive of activity and colourful people."

"But art is an area in which it is not always easy to make ends meet financially. This scholarship is a great opportunity to access funds for new materials, supplies and the many costs of exhibiting."

The two Scholarships each consist of a \$250 voucher, and will be presented at 4.00pm today by the Federal Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson MP, at her Electorate Office - 427 Hunter St.

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